

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A distributed storage management platform architecture comprising:  
2 a plurality of storage routers, wherein  
3 each one of said storage routers comprises a plurality of interface  
4 controllers, and  
5 a one of said interface controllers of each one of said storage routers is  
6 communicatively coupled to a one of said interface controllers  
7 of at least one other of said storage routers.

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